

## ESIS Workers Compensation Legal and Regulatory Update: Tennessee

## Tennessee Enacts New Medical Panel Form (C-42) and New Telehealth Regulations Effective October 19, 2021

Tennessee adopted a change on October 19, 2021 that affects the TN C-42, the mandatory medical panel which must be provided by the employer at the time of injury. This change requires employers to provide a Telehealth option via the TN C-42. While it is mandatory to update the panels with this offering, telehealth remains optional, and the employee must agree to participate.

## **Process Changes for New C-42 Panels**

- ESIS Tennessee Workers Compensation clients should submit all Tennessee panel requests directly to their ESIS Partnership Leader.
- 2. ESIS will provide our Tennessee clients with a C-42 that is compliant with the new Telehealth regulations.
- 3. Our network partner will verify all Tennessee panels and determine the providers' Telemedicine status as part of the Tennessee panel verification process.
- 4. If all three panel providers do not offer Telemedicine, our national business partner for telemedicine, Concentra, will be added as a 4th Telemedicine-only offering.

## **Updates to Existing C-42 Panels**

For TN panels which have been produced in the past 12 months, ESIS is completing a project to provide a new TN C-42 that will be in compliance with the rule change. These updated panels will be distributed within the next few weeks by your Partnership Leader.

Additional information and the newly revised medical panel form C-42, can be found at <a href="https://www.tn.gov/workforce/injuries-at-work/bureau-services/">https://www.tn.gov/workforce/injuries-at-work/bureau-services/</a> bureau-services/workers--comp-forms/c42-panel-form.html

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